

Department of Labor and Industry Labor Market Information for



Cities and Towns in Silver Bow County

Butte ♦ Melrose ♦ Ramsay ♦ Walkerville

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Silver Bow County

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Located in southwestern Montana, Silver Bow County is Montana's seventh most populous with 33,941 residents, according to the 1990 Census. The county of Silver Bow and the city of Butte are consolidated under an elected executive form of government.

Butte, the county seat, is the state's fourth largest city with a population of 33,336. Nicknamed the "Mining City," Butte is rich in mining resources. Residents have endured harsh economic times and earned the nickname the "Can Do City" by building a stronger local economy and soliciting new businesses to the area. The city is also a major transportation, manufacturing and utility center.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1881 and may have been named after Silver Bow Creek, where according to legend, "three prospectors saw a shaft of sun shining on the creek."

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Silver Bow County households in 1989 was \$21,216. The county is 719 square miles in area; 718.3 square miles in land area and less than 0.665 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Montana Almanac*, the average daily low in January between 1980 and 1989 was 4.2 degrees above zero. The average daily high in July was 80.1 and average January snowfall 8.1 inches. The annual precipitation in 1995 was 19.26 inches and the length of the growing season 50 days.

Silver Bow County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

| Area | 7/1/97 Estimate | 7/1/96 Estimate | 4/1/90 Census | % Change '90 to '97 | % Change '90 to '96 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Montana | 878,810 | 876,684 | 799,065 | 10.0% | 9.7% |
| Silver Bow County | 34,441 | 34,529 | 33,941 | 1.5% | 1.7% |
| Butte-Silver Bow (government area) | Not Available | 34,051 | 33,336 | Not Available | 2.1% |
| Walkerville | Not Available | 583 | 605 | Not Available | -3.6% |

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| Annual Average Labor Force For Silver Bow County | | | | |
|--|----------------------|----------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Year | Civilian Labor Force | Employed | Unem- ployed | Unem- ployment Rate |
| 1970 | 15,516 | 14,904 | 612 | 3.9% |
| 1971 | 16,019 | 15,018 | 1,001 | 6.2% |
| 1972 | 16,327 | 15,577 | 750 | 4.6% |
| 1973 | 16,975 | 16,234 | 741 | 4.4% |
| 1974 | 18,001 | 17,059 | 942 | 5.2% |
| 1975 | 17,641 | 16,207 | 1,434 | 8.1% |
| 1976 | 17,691 | 16,047 | 1,644 | 9.3% |
| 1977 | 17,430 | 15,845 | 1,585 | 9.1% |
| 1978 | 18,905 | 17,310 | 1,595 | 8.4% |
| 1979 | 18,374 | 17,252 | 1,122 | 6.1% |
| 1980 | 18,209 | 16,961 | 1,248 | 6.9% |
| 1981 | 18,408 | 16,876 | 1,532 | 8.3% |
| 1982 | 17,916 | 15,898 | 2,018 | 11.3% |
| 1983 | 16,502 | 14,286 | 2,216 | 13.4% |
| 1984 | 14,122 | 12,463 | 1,659 | 11.7% |
| 1985 | 14,103 | 12,732 | 1,371 | 9.7% |
| 1986 | 14,114 | 12,671 | 1,443 | 10.2% |
| 1987 | 14,118 | 12,762 | 1,356 | 9.6% |
| 1988 | 13,579 | 12,399 | 1,180 | 8.7% |
| 1989 | 13,380 | 12,375 | 1,005 | 7.5% |
| 1990 | 16,018 | 14,910 | 1,108 | 6.9% |
| 1991 | 16,047 | 14,732 | 1,315 | 8.2% |
| 1992 | 16,632 | 15,292 | 1,340 | 8.1% |
| 1993 | 16,825 | 15,670 | 1,155 | 6.9% |
| 1994 | 17,241 | 16,340 | 901 | 5.2% |
| 1995 | 16,740 | 15,769 | 971 | 5.8% |
| 1996 | 16,991 | 16,006 | 985 | 5.8% |
| 1997 | 17,447 | 16,574 | 873 | 5.0% |

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis (1998 Benchmark).

| Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data <i>Civilian Labor Force-All Persons</i> | | | |
|---|--------|-------|--------|
| Occupation | Total | Male | Female |
| TOTAL | 15,437 | 8,541 | 6,896 |
| Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations | 3,683 | 2,063 | 1,620 |
| Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations | 1,455 | 821 | 634 |
| Professional Specialty Occupations | 2,228 | 1,242 | 986 |
| Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations | 4,755 | 1,750 | 3,005 |
| Technicians and Related Support Occupations | 580 | 216 | 364 |
| Sales Occupations | 2,002 | 1,079 | 923 |
| Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical | 2,173 | 455 | 1,718 |
| Service Occupations | 2,935 | 1,122 | 1,813 |
| Private Household Occupations | 64 | 0 | 64 |
| Protective Service Occupations | 295 | 276 | 19 |
| Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household | 2,576 | 846 | 1,730 |
| Farming, Forestry, Fishing | 296 | 247 | 49 |
| Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations | 1,795 | 1,693 | 102 |
| Mechanics and Repairs | 550 | 533 | 17 |
| Construction Trade | 640 | 634 | 6 |
| Extractive Occupations | 198 | 198 | 0 |
| Precision Production Occupations | 407 | 328 | 79 |
| Operators, Fabricators and Laborers | 1,768 | 1,557 | 211 |
| Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors | 523 | 414 | 109 |
| Transportation and Material Moving Occupations | 652 | 594 | 58 |
| Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers | 593 | 549 | 44 |
| Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience | 205 | 109 | 96 |

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

Resources

⇒ **Chamber of Commerce:**
Butte-Silver Bow Chamber, 1000 George, Butte, MT 59701, 406-723-3177

⇒ **Department of Labor and Industry**
Butte Job Service
2201 White Blvd., Butte, MT 59702, 406-494-0300

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Office of Research & Analysis Publications
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⇒ **Internet:**
Montana Job Service home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>
Cities of Butte and Melrose Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

⇒ **Montana Motor Vehicle Division:**
Drivers' Licensing
Butte—3615 Wynne St., 406-494-1949

⇒ **Newspapers:**
Montana Standard, P.O. Box 627, Butte, MT 59703, 406-496-5500

⇒ **Public Libraries:**
Butte-Silver Bow Public Library, 226 W. Broadway, Butte, MT 59701-9297, 406-723-3361

⇒ **Postsecondary Education Institutions:**
Montana University System
Montana Tech of the University of Montana, Butte, MT 59701, 800-445-TECH
Montana Tech of the University of Montana College of Technology, 25 Basin Creek Road, Butte, MT 59701, 406-496-3701

⇒ **Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:**
Butte Public Schools, 111 N. Montana, Butte, MT 59701, 406-496-2000
Divide Elementary, P. O. Box 9, Divide, MT 59727, 406-267-3313
Melrose Elementary, P. O. Box 128, Melrose, MT 59743, 406-835-3801
Ramsay Elementary, P. O. Box 105, Ramsay, MT 59748, 406-723-8905

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| Silver Bow County Employment By Industry* | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Annual Averages 1997 | | | | | | | | | |
| Industry | # of Establish- ments | Average Annual Employment | Annual Wages Paid | Industry | # of Establish- ments | Average Annual Employment | Annual Wages Paid | | |
| TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES | 1,249 | 14,688 | \$366,264,550 | Furniture Stores | 29 | 165 | \$2,902,91 | | |
| PRIVATE BUSINESS | 1,208 | 12,433 | \$300,961,069 | Eating & Drinking | 119 | 1,517 | \$12,859,01 | | |
| AGRI., FORESTRY, FISH | 16 | 70 | \$916,050 | Miscellaneous Retail | 65 | 309 | \$4,357,63 | | |
| Agriculture Services | 13 | 62 | \$591,021 | FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE | 85 | 473 | \$14,817,16 | | |
| MINING | 9 | 518 | \$22,841,791 | Banking | 17 | 195 | \$4,880,04 | | |
| Metal Mining | 6 | 459 | \$20,447,734 | Credit Agencies | 4 | 13 | \$430,70 | | |
| Mining & Quarry Nonmetal | 3 | 16 | \$472,932 | Security & Commodity | 4 | 32 | \$2,058,73 | | |
| CONSTRUCTION | 117 | 843 | \$43,633,987 | Insurance Carriers | 8 | 15 | \$479,33 | | |
| General Building | 37 | 624 | \$33,994,499 | Insurance Agents | 14 | 34 | \$549,31 | | |
| Heavy Construction | 9 | 63 | \$3,435,981 | Real Estate | 33 | 109 | \$2,169,92 | | |
| Special Trade | 71 | 254 | \$6,403,507 | Holding & Investments | 3 | 73 | \$3,929,06 | | |
| MANUFACTURING | 36 | 655 | \$15,482,615 | SERVICES | 486 | 4,409 | \$88,916,61 | | |
| Food Products | 7 | 129 | \$2,930,432 | Hotels & Lodging | 18 | 344 | \$3,500,71 | | |
| Lumber | 3 | 4 | \$69,974 | Personal Services | 26 | 104 | \$1,269,95 | | |
| Printing-Publishing | 7 | 136 | \$2,795,044 | Business Services | 55 | 460 | \$5,366,71 | | |
| Nonelectrical Machinery** | 3 | 17 | \$461,679 | Auto Repair Services | 39 | 202 | \$3,189,41 | | |
| TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES | 51 | 1,314 | \$54,961,503 | Miscellaneous Repair Services | 14 | 33 | \$536,31 | | |
| Local Transportation | 3 | 34 | \$455,398 | Motion Pictures | 9 | 61 | \$425,01 | | |
| Trucking-Warehousing | 17 | 151 | \$4,467,186 | Amusement & Recreation | 30 | 204 | \$3,051,11 | | |
| Air Transportation | 5 | 80 | \$1,981,730 | Health Services | 106 | 1,478 | \$37,964,61 | | |
| Transport Services | 8 | 33 | \$745,945 | Legal Services | 27 | 99 | \$4,340,01 | | |
| Communication | 11 | 152 | \$4,456,570 | Educational Services | 0 | 01 | \$899,31 | | |
| Elec., Gas, Sanitation | 5 | 661 | \$42,852,665 | Social Services | 63 | 470 | \$6,515,91 | | |
| WHOLESALE TRADE | 77 | 544 | \$11,827,621 | Museums, Zoos, Etc. | 3 | 16 | \$123,41 | | |
| Durable Goods | 45 | 265 | \$6,164,706 | Membership Organizations | 25 | 135 | \$1,798,41 | | |
| Non durable Goods | 32 | 279 | \$5,662,615 | Engineering Services | 66 | 599 | \$10,682,91 | | |
| RETAIL TRADE | 314 | 3,601 | \$47,559,992 | Private Households | 11 | 26 | \$248,11 | | |
| Bldg Materials-Garden | 16 | 135 | \$2,938,426 | GOVERNMENT | 43 | 2,265 | \$65,302,61 | | |
| General Merchandise | 6 | 461 | \$5,662,730 | State | 12 | 856 | \$19,802,01 | | |
| Food Stores | 21 | 386 | \$6,349,955 | Local | 10 | 1,279 | \$32,966,31 | | |
| Auto Dealers-Service Stations | 40 | 559 | \$11,808,221 | Federal | 21 | 317 | \$12,531,11 | | |
| Apparel & Accessories | 16 | 84 | \$661,692 | | | | | | |
| Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis. (Totals may not add due to rounding.) | | | | | | | | | |
| *Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance | | | | | | | | | |
| **Industrial & Commercial Machinery & Computer Equipment | | | | | | | | | |

| Per Capita Personal Income | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 1970 | 1980 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 |
| Montana | \$3,558 | \$8,842 | \$15,067 | \$16,005 | \$16,618 | \$17,709 | \$17,709 | \$18,602 | \$19,278 |
| % of National Average | 87% | 88% | 79% | 81% | 81% | 83% | 80% | 80% | 79% |
| Silver Bow County | \$3,402 | \$9,054 | \$15,267 | \$15,984 | \$16,712 | \$17,189 | \$17,761 | \$19,136 | \$19,548 |
| % of National Average | 83% | 90% | 80% | 81% | 81% | 80% | 80% | 82% | 80% |

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 1996.

PLEASE NOTE: Because of bmc and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county flyers periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The Annual Averages for County Employment By Industry are updated annually, usually in June. The Top Employers are updated annually. Per Capita Income statewide is usually released late spring and county data around August each year. Population data for Montana is usually released in March and county data may be released at a different time. The Annual Average Labor Force information is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The other tables contain Census information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

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1990 Census of Population and Housing

Persons by Age, Race and Sex

| Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-----------------|--------|----------|--------|-----------------|--------|------------|--------|
| <i>School Age</i> | White | | Black | | American Indian | | Islander | | Hispanic Origin | | Other Race | |
| | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female |
| 5-11 | 3,195 | 1,587 | 3 | 1 | 80 | 38 | 19 | 9 | 126 | 61 | 22 | 14 |
| 12-14 | 1,361 | 651 | 2 | 0 | 26 | 14 | 4 | 1 | 56 | 24 | 24 | 9 |
| 15-17 | 1,348 | 636 | 1 | 1 | 33 | 16 | 6 | 4 | 41 | 21 | 14 | 6 |
| 18-21 | 1,826 | 870 | 1 | 1 | 32 | 14 | 8 | 3 | 57 | 28 | 14 | 5 |
| <i>Total</i> | 7,732 | 3,726 | 7 | 3 | 171 | 84 | 37 | 17 | 262 | 134 | 74 | 34 |

| Working & Voting Age | Eskimo/Aleut/Asian or Pacific Islander | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--|--------|-------|--------|-----------------|--------|----------|--------|-----------------|--------|------------|--------|
| | White | | Black | | American Indian | | Islander | | Hispanic Origin | | Other Race | |
| | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female |
| 16+ | 25,803 | 13,340 | 28 | 14 | 350 | 178 | 99 | 58 | 520 | 255 | 146 | 54 |
| 16-64 | 20,061 | 9,909 | 22 | 11 | 325 | 164 | 90 | 54 | 476 | 239 | 138 | 54 |
| 18+ | 24,911 | 12,922 | 25 | 13 | 328 | 164 | 95 | 55 | 497 | 244 | 144 | 52 |
| 18-64 | 19,169 | 9,491 | 21 | 10 | 303 | 150 | 86 | 51 | 453 | 226 | 134 | 52 |

| Other Age Group | Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|-----------------|--------|----------|--------|-----------------|--------|------------|--------|
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| | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female |
| 0-4 | 2,211 | 1,062 | 2 | 1 | 53 | 29 | 14 | 7 | 66 | 41 | 20 | 12 |
| 5-17 | 5,904 | 2,856 | 6 | 2 | 139 | 70 | 29 | 14 | 225 | 108 | 60 | 29 |
| 18-44 | 12,494 | 6,116 | 18 | 9 | 239 | 115 | 64 | 34 | 347 | 180 | 110 | 42 |
| 45-64 | 6,675 | 3,375 | 3 | 1 | 64 | 35 | 22 | 17 | 106 | 48 | 24 | 10 |
| 62+ | 6,720 | 3,938 | 4 | 3 | 36 | 21 | 13 | 7 | 61 | 24 | 17 | 3 |
| 65+ | 5,742 | 3,431 | 4 | 3 | 25 | 14 | 9 | 4 | 44 | 16 | 10 | 0 |
| Total | 33,028 | 16,840 | 33 | 16 | 520 | 263 | 138 | 76 | 810 | 391 | 224 | 93 |

Source: Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59820, 406-444-2896.

Silver Bow County

| County of Residence | # Who Work In Silver Bow County | County of Work | # Who Live In Silver Bow County |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Out of State | 40 | Out of State | 127 |
| Beaverhead County | 40 | Beaverhead County | 32 |
| Cascade County | 30 | Deer Lodge County | 275 |
| Deer Lodge County | 370 | Gallatin County | 30 |
| Gallatin County | 32 | Jefferson County | 204 |
| Jefferson County | 262 | Lewis & Clark County | 34 |
| Lake County | 27 | Powell County | 101 |
| Lewis & Clark County | 38 | Rosebud County | 28 |
| Madison County | 78 | Silver Bow County | 12,856 |
| Missoula County | 32 | Other Montana Counties | 39 |
| Powell County | 33 | | |
| Silver Bow County | 12,856 | | |
| Other Montana Counties | 42 | | |

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.